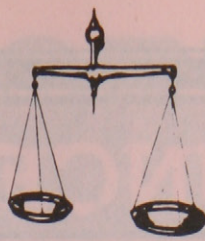


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A Very Special Valentine's Day Issue



P.P.,

We must have been tanked

- Poopsie
p.s. next time sober

Jason

Now do you see what you're
missing?

B.H.,

To the man of my dreams,
from the woman of yours.
Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Bobby on Dallas
Has nothing on you.

Debbie -

Wouldn't you rather roll in the
hay?
Starry-eyed.

T.K. - Oh!

Francis -

Qu'est ce que tu penses
que tu fais?
Fachée

Big Bob -

Wrong bitch
still in heat.

Diana Young -

Love your voice.

Dear Harold,

You're on top in my books
- Stacked.

Joe Starnino -

Are you a man or a mouth?
Thigned,
Anonymoth.

Ken -

We've got long cold days,
How about some hot Arabian
nights?

D.L.

Don't make me plead.
C.

Klingons -

Blast off.
P.

Janet -

You're always in my thoughts
In want you in my arms
- You know who.

Tom F. -

I really think you're nice
M.B.

Brad -

Stop playing it safe.

Henri -

I thought I used to be your pet
But now I think you must
forget
You used to call me Minnie
Mouse
And then you threw me from
the house.

P.S.: And she - Minerva
wasn't just a dog,
she was a bitch.

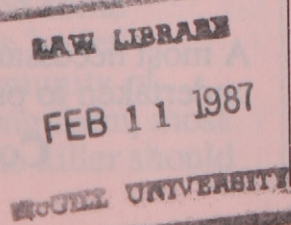
J.M. -

Changed your point of view?
ICU2

Marcy -

The rock on your hand
Has been joined by a band
But in spite of your mate
I can still wait.
J.

For more Valentines
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

L.S.A. BOOKSTORE

Thursday, 12 February 1987, will be the last opportunity to buy the following books at the L.S.A. bookstore (they will be returned to the publishers after that date):

Bridge & Buckley, Sales and Sales Financing in Canada
 Canadian Bar Association, Code of Professional Conduct
 Cullity & Brown, Taxation and Estate Planning
 Davies, Contract
 Fleming, The Law of Torts
 Goetz, Law and Economics
 Government of Canada, Selected Statutes and Regulations re Parliament
 Megarry & Wade, Law of Real Property
 Schiff, Evidence in the Litigation Process
 Watson & McGowan, Ontario Supreme and District Court Practice
 White & Summers, Uniform Commercial Code (treatise)
Uniform Commercial Code
Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation
Martin's Annual Criminal Code 1986-1987

Beer and pizza for all those who volunteered their help in the bookstore this year.
 Wednesday, 11 February 1987, noon, in the Bookstore.

SKIT NITE '87

The deadline for skits is February 20, 1987. Skits must be in writing and can be left (with your name) in the Skits box at the LSA office, or given to any member of the committee. Don't miss your chance!

LSA NEWS

Last February 4th, the LSA Council once again had a very interesting meeting. Here are some of the highlights:

Orientation Committee '87:

Members are needed to establish the 1987 Orientation Committee, pending the new executives' confirmation. The Committee is responsible for organization of the activities for the welcome week as well as organizing the Dean's reception. Interested parties should pick up a nomination sheet at the LSA office.

Elections

The Chief Returning Officer, Nelson, has informed us that this year's Council elections will be held on March 12th. The nomination period will extend from March 2nd to 6th - and the campaigning period will be from March 7th to the 10th.

The LSA Council elections are being held earlier this year to give the newly elected executive members an opportunity to interview candidates for the various LSA Faculty Council Committees.

Committees

Two (2) students are needed to sit on a committee to look into establishing a Sadie's-like outlet in Chancellor Day Hall. Anyone interested in sitting on this committee should speak to Dave Lametti as soon as possible.

The LSA Council unanimously cheered the Careers Committee for their hard work in making Career's Day the most successful one ever! Congratulations to all the committee members - and best of luck with preparation for next year's career day!

The Banquet Committee is hard at work on the upcoming Banquet. A report on their program will be presented at the next LSA Council meeting, Wednesday, February 18.

The Computer Committee reported that the new computers are now in the library (third floor). Everyone is welcome to use them.

This is it for now! Remember all our meetings are open and everyone is invited to attend!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Notice Board on the stairwell (next to the Tutorial Notice Board) will, until further notice, be used to post notices for positions available to students. The Admissions Office will continue to keep students posted on the monthly stagaire lists which are with Mrs. Suzan Ray Gasperec, Admissions and Placement Officer.

A VERY SPECIAL REQUEST TO ALL

A most necessary task has been undertaken to paint and

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EDITORIAL

A short while ago, CTV's W-5 aired a piece on Colorado's recently enacted so-called "make my day law".

Essentially the law permits a homeowner to shoot anyone who has broken into his house where the homeowner fears that his life is in danger. Effectively, the law gives the burden of proving that no such danger existed to the district attorney before any charges can realistically be laid. Obviously, this burden is onerous where a shooting causes the death of an alleged intruder and only the gunman remains to describe the events.

Not surprisingly, the "make my day law" has had its victims. W-5 told a story from Denver involving a loud party and a neighbourhood grump. Angry that his party had been interrupted by the police, a young man stormed to the house of his ornery neighbour, who had phoned in the complaint, and began banging loudly on the door. Shortly after opening the door, the neighbour's wife screamed for the husband to get the gun (an automatic response?). Claiming that his wife was being throttled about the neck in the darkness, the man with the gun fired some shots on his well-lit street. The bullets hit the bodies of three people, known to the gunman - the guy at the door and his wife and friend who had arrived to urge him homeward. The wife died on the street. The man with the gun escaped prosecution. His day had been made.

W-5 interviewed some residents of this "quiet" suburban community of families. Among them, most believed that the killer should

have been tried, but many of them still supported the new law. Indeed, guns are as much a part of the neighbourhood's homes as toasters and televisions even though Denver is not in the grip of any crime wave and makes well below the national average compared to cities with high violent crime rates. No matter. The United States is a revolver culture. Nowhere in the entire world does the number of deaths from handguns even begin to approach that achieved in the U.S.A. I hope that Canada, as her closest neighbour, is not too close for comfort.

In Canada, a Gallup poll conducted in early January found that 68% of the respondents felt that vigilantism is sometimes justified because of the circumstances. The poll followed five incidents in which Canadian storeowners shot at intruders or robbers:

- Nov. 8, Calgary, Alberta - a pharmacist shot in the back and killed an unarmed robber

fleeing from his store. The pharmacist was charged with second-degree murder.

- Nov 18, Montreal - a dépanneur owner shot and killed a would-be robber pointing a pellet gun. No charges were laid.

- Dec. 8, Laval - a pharmacy owner camping out in his store with his rifle shot and killed an intruder while police protection was parked on the street outside. No charges were laid.

- Dec 10, Beauharnois - a dépanneur owner shot and wounded an intruder, here too,

in the back. No charges were laid.

- Dec. 18, Springfield, Ontario - a dairy store owner shot and wounded an intruder. He has been charged with possession of a dangerous weapon and careless use of a firearm.

With the exception of that involving the Montreal dépanneur owner (the only one to appear remorseful on the news), all of the shootings seem to be occasions of the protection of property, not protection of the person. Admittedly, it is easier for someone like me who has never been present during a holdup or a break-in to approach these incidents with deliberation. But when people are shot in the dark or in the back by angry businessmen fed up with being robbed, I can accord these successful and unsuccessful murderers no benefit of my doubts. They made lucid choices to take their chances on frontier justice. And they all have or likely will get off easy (where any jury is involved), perhaps to shoot again, surely to tell other storeowners that it's okay to smoke the scumbag who's after your money. Sadly, many Canadians, 68% of them, agree, at least regarding some circumstances. The poll does not make clear what these circumstances are.

Unlike the United States, Canada has no provision in the Charter which says, as the 2nd Amendment in the American Bill of Rights does, that no law shall be made that infringes on the right of every citizen to bear arms. The 2nd Amendment,

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generally clean up the basement area - the results are already visible. The next project is to place more Notice Boards on the walls.

Students are requested not to post any notices on the walls; the paint chips and deterioration of an expensive project takes place.

Please note that any postings on walls will be taken down. Your consideration is appreciated.

NOTE OF THANKS

The 1985/86 fourth year class has generously donated an additional copy of each of the following heavily used titles to the library:

Administrative Law, 2nd ed., by David J. Mullar.
Canadian Labour Law, by George W. Adams.
Learning Canadian Criminal Law, 2nd ed., by Stuart and Delisle.

I acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the 1985/86 fourth year class' strong support of our library.

Michael Renshawe
Law Area Librarian.

FORUM NATIONAL

Forum National
invites you to
Beer and Pizza
Wednesday, February 18
12:00-2:00 Common Room

SECOND TERM TRANSCRIPT VERIFICATION

**ALL STUDENTS MUST
VERIFY THEIR
TRANSCRIPTS AT THE
STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE
BETWEEN 10:00 a.m. & 3:00
p.m. COMMENCING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10-
20.**

SPEAKER'S CORNER

On Monday, February 16th, Lawyers for Social Responsibility presents Rebecca Aird, speaking on "Native Participation in Canadian Resource Development". Aird is a freelance researcher/consultant on environmental and native issues, and is currently working for an Indian tribe in Northern Ontario helping them to negotiate a contract for the use of mineral resources on reserve land. She has previously worked for organizations such as the Law Reform Commission of Canada and the National Survival Institute (an environmental education group). She has also been working on setting up an alternate trading economy/money system in Ottawa, patterned after the L.E.T.S. system in B.C. (profiled on CBC's Ideas in mid-January). She will be speaking at 1 P.M. in Room 200, and everyone is invited to attend.

Forum National Presents:

Mr. Justice Laforest
Supreme Court of Canada

Tuesday, February 17
13:00 Moot Court

Valentine's Greetings Cont'd from p.1

**Alix with the
unpronounceable last name -**

I never know what to say
to you, and yet I have so much
to say. Give me a sign.

J.M. -

For your eyes only
(But not only your eyes).

Dear Prof. Benson,

If Hegel Kant,
I can.
- your student.

Michael Doyle -

You Brut!

Jill -

In tennis love means nothing
That's why I like squash.

To A.S.

(From P.L.)
Enchanté.

Rod -

You're still the same guy
underneath.

Nelson -

Left the yellow cat
under your fridge.
Feed the ferret.
X.

Marty B -

Love you with my morning
coffee.

Maria

Wear those jeans more often -
K.

Jason -

Want you between my covers,
G.Q.

Glenn:

Roses are fading
And the violets wilt
For all of your cruelty
I hope you feel guilt
- Off my chest.

Suzanne -

No government can control our
business, now that we're in the
family way.

Prof. Benson, dahling,

I'm hooked on you. Reel me
in.
Barracuda.

Dearest Soozie,

Your bad boy's game for some
cruel and unusual punishment.
I'll be hung on Feb. 14.

K is for the kisses that I long
for,
A is for my anguish every
night,
R is for my restless times
without you,
E is for your eyes so clear and
bright,
N is for the normalness about
you.
- I'd keep going but I don't
remember your last name.

Anjalie -

Welcome aboard
- your secret admirer.

Gary,

Tu sonnes ma cloche.

Vincent -

Wouldn't you really rather have
a blonde?
- The other woman.

G. Raphe -

You bring out the animal in me.
C. Lyon.

To Professor Sklar,

Please forgive my indiscretion,
Devils told me what to do,
I'm as crazy
As John Hinckley
Over you.
Lizzy.

Inversion Perversion

Year I
I figured out your message,
I'd be willfully deaf,
Not to know that I was special,
When you slipped me an F.

Year II
And a cryptic reassurance
In the form of a D,
Told me that it wasn't over
And you still cared for me.

Year III
You've been a source of
inspiration
And though it's true the first
time hurts
I'd like to say it's been a
pleasure and to
Thank you for that F,
Professor Birks.

One in a thousand.

TO: My M.D.

Doctor, oh Doctor,
Answer me please:
Do you love me?
Or are you a tease?

Doctor, oh Doctor,
I need to know;
Please answer my questions,
Or elsewhere I'll go!
Signed: The Headliner.



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Valentine's Greetings Cont'd from p.5

TO: Sugar & Spice

There once was a guy, quite
lonesome;
Who had just lost an "alleged"
friend;
Then along you came;
Things were never the same;
Thanx, you two! Now I don't
feel like a dum-dum!
Signed: HEAVENLY BODY

TO: L.M.

The first day I saw you,
You definitely caught my eye,
But then I heard the whole
story,
I could do naught but sigh!

But now things have changed,
And though you're not yet
mine,
I think we should discuss it,
Why don't we dine?
Signed: Your Comet

TO: Beyond Her Years.

You came into law school,
Were friendly to all,
All prim and prissy,
Just like a doll.

The fairy tale is over, though,
You've changed quite a bit,
Your nose has ascended,
You're lacking in wit.

But forewarned is forearmed,
I think your attitude really does
suck,
You better change quickly,
Or you'll be out of luck.
FROM: The Storyteller.

**To that cute exotic plant
in BCLII**

You've grown even more
luscious!!
Happy V-Day.
Mr. Green Thumbs.

Oh, my "carrotte," you're only
the other vegetable in this
world of fruits! Wanna get
together and stew? PLEASE,
be my valentine on that special
day?

Signed: Your Cauliflower

A VALENTINE FOR PROFESSOR BAKER:

Although the mind should
govern the body
My administration is falling
apart
I'm appealing for natural justice
On this hopeless Cook's Tour
of my heart

No tribunal could ever be fairer
Than your appearance is to my
view

No rule of law could control
me
From instrumentally thinking
of you

No wasteland of liberalism
could foster
A love of proportions so big
When I think of your ideology
I come close to flipping my
Whig

My love is bureaucracy's
victim
Which this institution tears out
of shape
When I think of the chances of
union
I must patch up my heart with
red tape

Yet love is above regulation
And exempt from judicial
review
So I plead your quick
intervention
In this valentine's message to
you.

Signed,
Do Process.

You are the remedy
Bridge the gap.

Professor Simmonds -

You regulate my security.

Professor Scott

We love you to O
Have a heart.

Stephen -

My life is a Perry-less existence
Without you.

Professor Grey-

Better never than late
Why don't you emigrate?

Frank,
Our association
is nobody's business.

Professor Jane Glenn

Be my feoffee to uses
We'll get around the statute
somehow
No matter what it entails
C'estui qui trust.

Keith -

Will you ever shut up long
enough
for me to say how much I care?
B.K.
Be my valentine
R.S.

Roberto

With a chin like that,
even if you don't get a job
you can still get me
A.

Gus -

That's the sexiest knee brace
I've ever seen
Anon.

Mr. Baxter -

Can't you hear me Colin?

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Valentine's Greetings Cont'd from p.6

T.S.

I.W.L.Y.T.T.D.F.A.T.C.C.S.
H.
(I WILL LOVE YOU TIL THE
DESERT FREEZES AND
THE CAMELS COME
SKATING HOME).
J.S.

Dear Joseph, you cut-up,

Come back to St-Catherine St.
I miss you.

Curiosity has peaked.
Desperately seeking Molina,
the Spiderwoman.

To my little trooper:

I never knew they made
waterfalls so big
or eyes so blue
but don't you know
I love you.
Love your sexy bun!

Dear Sweetie,

You had such persistence -
You wore down my resistance.
I fell!
And it was swell!
You're my big and brave and
handsome Romeo.
How I won you I will never,
never know!
Always be my Valentine.
love Annabelle.

To Prof. Benson:

A Poem - In Theory

We've studied
Rawls in the halls
Had Hegel with bagels
Know that Robby Unger
Can't satisfy our hunger

Practical reason insists
Heteronomy resists
yet the hours we've spent
We do not resent

To the Metaphysics of Mona's
We offer our laurels
Yet for the hours we've spent
We don't know form from
Kantent

Still we return
Term after term
(Year after year, in hard cases)
For Nirvana's in reach
Or so you do teach.

Anonymous



Editorial Cont'd from p.3

originally included to allow for a militia in times of need, has provided the raison d'être for lobby groups such as the extremely powerful National Rifle Association. There is no section 1 in the American Bill of Rights and the N.R.A. has effectively thwarted most legislative attempts at gun control laws by reminding Americans of their right to own guns. As a result, handguns, the Saturday night special, designed solely for firing at people, are as American as apple pie.

Etcetera

Quotes of the Week

Prof Baker in Administrative Process:

"Q: How come they paint lines along the hallways in civil servants' offices?

A: So the ones leaving early don't run into the ones arriving late."

Prof. Boodman in Special K, fed up with one student's belabouring of an irrelevant point: "Baliff! Remove this man!"

Our Apologies

In last week's Quid, the article "Les femmes et le système carcéral" made no mention that Marie Beeman of the office des droits des détenus du Québec and criminal lawyer Nicole Lépine were invited to the law school by Women and the Law. The Quid wishes to apologize to Women and the Law for this omission and to duly recognize the contributions which that group makes to extra-curricular student life within the faculty.

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Etcetera
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Library News Flash!

Joe Starnino Monopolizes
Library Cheapstakes:

Joe has now won three in a row and a total of four times this term. A Royal Commission will be set up to investigate the situation, with findings to be made public shortly thereafter. In the meantime, if you wish to contribute to the Joe Starnino fund, see Harold.

The Deal of the Century

If you have forgotten a lot of what you were told on Career's Day, you should pick up the fruits of Peter Hoffman's summer job before the L.S.A. Bookstore closes this term. For only five bucks, Hoffman, a McGill student on leave for one year to Laval University Law School, provides you "with the basic information you will need to get the job you want." This attractively bound manual is well-organized and easy to read, an informative step by step from the classroom to the real world (it's out there waiting to eat you alive). Career planning. Preparing your resumé. Cover letters and other correspondence. Typing, typesetting, duplicating and stationery. The interview. Articling, bar courses and bar admission in Canada and the United States. It's all in there. Flounder? Never, with Peter F. Hoffmann's Career Handbook for Law Students.

Come, feel the magic...

If you're comfortably bi-pedal but riding the elevator for trips covering less than four floors, you shouldn't be. Take the stairs and read the signs along the way. You may be stiff at

LEGAL BEAGLE

AWARDS



Here is your detachable Legal Beagle Nominees ballot. Photocopy it. Give some to your friends. The nominees will want to know they were swept to contention on a wave of massive support.

This ballot does not contain categories which appeared in last week's issue. The editors have decided, upon reflection, that publishing the results to some of the categories would be unduly embarrassing to the winners. Accordingly, in keeping with the spirit of fun intended by this survey, we present the revised ballot. After all, we wouldn't want the professors assembling to announce the names of the worst students, would we?

1- Best Overall Professor

2- Most Outstanding Lecturer

3- Most Respected Professor

4- Professor with Most Grating Accent

5- Best Dressed Professor; Male and Female

6- Worst Dressed Professor; Male and Female

7- Most Eccentric Professor

8- Professor Most Detached from Reality

first, but it'll be worth it. Remember, your Committee to Eradicate Torpid Sloths Everywhere cares about your health.

9- Most Predictable Professor

10-Professor Least Likely to Own a Watch

11-Most Caustic Professor

12-Most Eligible Professor; Male and Female

13-Most Demanding Professor

14-Least Demanding Professor

15-Professor Most Likely to Give an A

16-Professor Least Likely to Give an A

17-Professor Most Likely to Make it to the Supreme Court

18-Best Course in LLB/BCL Stream

19-Worst First Year Compulsory Course

20-Most Desirable Professor to Judge a Moot

21-Professor You Would Least Mind Being Stuck on an Island With.

22-Most Inspiring Professor (i.e. who most inspired you to investigate other career options.)